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In re Application of
SONG, Xiaoqing et al
U.S. Application No.: 10/019,175
PCT No.: PCT/US00/18070
Int. Filing Date: 30 June 2000
Priority Date: 01 July 1999
Attorney Docket No.: 7652
For: TRANSPARENT OR TRANSLUCENT,
LIQUID OR GEL TYPE AUTOMATIC
DISHWASHING DETERGENT
PRODUCT

COMMUNICATION

This communication is in response to the declaration submitted with the national stage papers on 21 December 2001.

The first named inventor signed the declaration as Xiaoqing Song, which is the name listed on the international publication, WO 01/02531.

However, applicants included a copy of a document where it appears the inventor in question legally changed his name from Xiaoqing Song to Brian Xiaoqing Song during the naturalization process. This document included a certification that the petition to change the name was granted by the U.S. District Court on 28 May 1999.

Accordingly, the declaration submitted on 21 December 2001 is defective because it does not properly identify all of the inventors pursuant to 37 CFR 1.497(a)(3). The name of the first inventor has been legally changed. Applicants must submit a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 and file a newly executed declaration listing the proper full for the first named inventor.

Section 605.04(c), *Inventor Changes Name*, of the MPEP lists the procedures required to change the name of an inventor and states, in part:

The petition must include an appropriate petition fee and an affidavit signed with both names and setting forth the procedure whereby the change of name was effected, or a certified copy of the court order.

Applicants must provide a petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.182, or submit a new oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) within **TWO (2) MONTHS** of the date of mailing of this communication. Extensions of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a)

are available.

Any further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box PCT, Washington, D.C. 20231, with the contents of the letter marked to the attention of the PCT Legal Office.



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